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**HOUSE BILL 10-1232**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING SCHOOL VEHICLES.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/billsummaries>.)*

The bill defines the term "school vehicle", amends the definition of "school bus", and amends certain statutory provisions that refer to "school vehicle" and "school bus" to clarify when each term applies.

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
February 25, 2010

1           **SECTION 1.** 16-14-105 (1) (k.5), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read:

3           **16-4-105. Selection by judge of the amount of bail and type of**  
4 **bond - criteria.** (1) In determining the amount of bail and the type of  
5 bond to be furnished by the defendant, the judge fixing the same shall  
6 consider and be governed by the following criteria:

7           (k.5) The fact that the defendant is accused of unlawfully using or  
8 distributing controlled substances on the grounds of any public or private  
9 elementary, middle, or secondary school, or within one thousand feet of  
10 the perimeter of any such school grounds on any street, alley, parkway,  
11 sidewalk, public park, playground, or other area of premises ~~which~~ THAT  
12 is accessible to the public, or within any private dwelling ~~which~~ THAT is  
13 accessible to the public for the purpose of the sale, distribution, use, or  
14 exchange of controlled substances in violation of article 18 of title 18,  
15 C.R.S., or in any school ~~bus~~ VEHICLE, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 42-1-102  
16 (88.5), C.R.S., engaged in the transportation of persons who are students;  
17 ~~at any public or private elementary, middle, or secondary school;~~

18           **SECTION 2.** 18-18-407 (2) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended to read:

20           **18-18-407. Special offender.** (2) (a) A defendant shall be a  
21 special offender if the defendant is convicted of selling, distributing,  
22 possessing with intent to distribute, manufacturing, or attempting to  
23 manufacture any controlled substance in violation of section 18-18-405  
24 either within or upon the grounds of any public or private elementary,  
25 middle, junior high, or high school, vocational school, or public housing  
26 development, or within one thousand feet of the perimeter of any such  
27 school or public housing development grounds on any street, alley,

1 parkway, sidewalk, public park, playground, or other area or premises that  
2 is accessible to the public, or within any private dwelling that is  
3 accessible to the public for the purpose of the sale, distribution, use,  
4 exchange, manufacture, or attempted manufacture of controlled  
5 substances in violation of this article, or in any school ~~bus~~ VEHICLE, as  
6 defined in ~~section 42-1-102 (88)~~ SECTION 42-1-102 (88.5), C.R.S., while  
7 such school ~~bus~~ VEHICLE is engaged in the transportation of persons who  
8 are students. ~~at any public or private elementary, middle, junior high, or~~  
9 ~~high school.~~ The court is required in addition to imposing the sentence  
10 to imprisonment in the department of corrections required by subsection  
11 (1) of this section, to fine the defendant without suspension at least twice  
12 the minimum fine provided for in section 18-1.3-401 (1) (a) (III) if the  
13 defendant's offense is a felony or in section 18-1.3-501 (1) if the  
14 defendant's offense is a misdemeanor.

15 **SECTION 3.** 22-23-106 (6), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
16 amended to read:

17 **22-23-106. Summer schools.** (6) Each school district  
18 participating in the summer school program shall be reimbursed from  
19 state funds for actual costs incurred in the operation of ~~such~~ THE program,  
20 including allotments for classroom units and supervisory units based upon  
21 the formulas set forth in section 22-23-107. ~~Such~~ THE school district  
22 shall also receive reimbursement, under rules ~~and regulations~~ of the state  
23 board, for the net cost of its school lunch operation and for school ~~bus~~  
24 VEHICLE operations at rates fixed by the state board. School districts shall  
25 report all such costs on forms prescribed by the state board.

26 **SECTION 4.** 22-32-109.1 (2) (a) (II) and (2) (a) (X), Colorado  
27 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

1           **22-32-109.1. Board of education - specific powers and duties**

2   **- safe schools. (2) Safe school plan.** In order to provide a learning  
3 environment that is safe, conducive to the learning process, and free from  
4 unnecessary disruption, following consultation with the school district  
5 accountability committee and school accountability committees, parents,  
6 teachers, administrators, students, student councils where available, and,  
7 where appropriate, the community at large, each school district board of  
8 education shall adopt and implement a safe school plan, or review and  
9 revise, if necessary, any existing plans or policies already in effect, which  
10 shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

11           (a) **Conduct and discipline code.** A concisely written conduct  
12 and discipline code that shall be enforced uniformly, fairly, and  
13 consistently for all students. Copies of the code shall be provided to each  
14 student upon enrollment at the elementary, middle, and high school levels  
15 and shall be posted or kept on file at each public school in the school  
16 district. The code shall include, but shall not be limited to:

17           (II) General policies and procedures for dealing with students who  
18 cause a disruption in the classroom, on school grounds, in school  
19 vehicles, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 42-1-102 (88.5), C.R.S., or at school  
20 activities or sanctioned events, including a specific policy allowing a  
21 teacher to remove a disruptive student from his or her classroom and,  
22 upon the third such removal from a teacher's class, to remove the  
23 disruptive student from such teacher's class for the remainder of the term  
24 of the class. The general policies and procedures shall include a due  
25 process procedure, which at a minimum shall require that, as soon as  
26 possible after a removal, the teacher or the school principal shall contact  
27 the parent or legal guardian of the student to request his or her attendance

1 at a student-teacher conference regarding the removal. A behavior plan  
2 may be developed after the first such removal from class, and shall be  
3 developed after the second such removal from class. Any policy or  
4 procedure adopted shall comply with applicable federal and state laws,  
5 including, but not limited to laws regarding students with disabilities.

6 (X) On and after August 8, 2001, a specific policy concerning  
7 bullying prevention and education. For purposes of this subparagraph  
8 (X), "bullying" means any written or verbal expression, or physical act or  
9 gesture, or a pattern thereof, that is intended to cause distress upon one or  
10 more students in the school, on school grounds, in school vehicles, at a  
11 designated school ~~bus~~ VEHICLE stop, or at school activities or sanctioned  
12 events. The school district's policy shall include a reasonable balance  
13 between the pattern and the severity of such bullying behavior.

14 **SECTION 5.** 22-32-110 (1) (v), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended to read:

16 **22-32-110. Board of education - specific powers.** (1) In  
17 addition to any other power granted to a board of education of a school  
18 district by law, each board of education of a school district shall have the  
19 following specific powers, to be exercised in its judgment:

20 (v) To procure liability and property damage insurance on school  
21 ~~buses or motor vehicles owned or rented by the school district~~ VEHICLES,  
22 AS DEFINED IN SECTION 42-1-102 (88.5), C.R.S., and to procure accident  
23 insurance covering the medical expenses incurred by any pupil who is  
24 injured while being furnished transportation by the school district  
25 pursuant to section 22-32-113, including injury received in the course of  
26 entering or alighting from any school ~~bus~~ VEHICLE or other means of  
27 transportation furnished by the school district;

1           **SECTION 6.** 22-32-110 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW PARAGRAPH to read:

3           **22-32-110. Board of education - specific powers.** (1) In  
4 addition to any other power granted to a board of education of a school  
5 district by law, each board of education of a school district shall have the  
6 following specific powers, to be exercised in its judgment:

7           (n) TO ENCOURAGE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADOPT POLICIES  
8 REGARDING A LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF PASSENGERS PER SEAT ON A  
9 SCHOOL VEHICLE SO AS TO ENSURE THAT THOSE SEATED ON ANY SEAT ON  
10 THE VEHICLE FIT ENTIRELY ON THE SEAT.

11           **SECTION 7.** 22-32-113 (4), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
12 amended to read:

13           **22-32-113. Transportation of pupils - when.** (4) A board may  
14 reimburse a parent or guardian for the expenses incurred by such parent  
15 or guardian in furnishing transportation to and from a public school or  
16 DESIGNATED school ~~bus line~~ VEHICLE STOP for his OR HER child or  
17 children and for other pupils enrolled in the schools of the district; but the  
18 board may not reimburse any person for transportation furnished to a  
19 pupil resident in another school district without the consent of the board  
20 or other governing body of the district of residence. The amount and  
21 payment of such expenses shall be as determined by the board paying  
22 such expenses.

23           **SECTION 8.** 22-32-128, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
24 to read:

25           **22-32-128. Use of school vehicles by residents of district.** At  
26 times to be specified by the board, ~~motor~~ SCHOOL vehicles used for the  
27 transportation of pupils pursuant to the provisions of section 22-32-113

1 shall be available to groups of five or more residents of the district who  
2 are sixty-five years of age or older for use within or without the district.  
3 The board of education of each school district of the state shall adopt  
4 policies regarding the reasonable use of such vehicles by groups of  
5 persons with special consideration being given those residents who are  
6 sixty-five years of age or older. Such ~~motor~~ SCHOOL vehicles shall be  
7 covered by an insurance policy similar to, with limits not less than, the  
8 insurance coverage which is in effect while said ~~motor~~ SCHOOL vehicles  
9 are used for the transportation of pupils. To the extent that such policies  
10 provide for the reimbursement to the school district of all the expenses of  
11 the operation of such ~~motor~~ SCHOOL vehicles as determined by the school  
12 district auditor, no such reimbursement shall constitute compensation, and  
13 it shall not subject the school district to the provisions of article 10 or 11  
14 of title 40, C.R.S. The miles traveled and the costs expended under this  
15 article shall not be allowable for the computation of benefits accruing to  
16 a school district under the provisions of article 51 of this title.

17 **SECTION 9.** 22-33-106 (1) (c.5) (II), Colorado Revised Statutes,  
18 is amended to read:

19 **22-33-106. Grounds for suspension, expulsion, and denial of**  
20 **admission.** (1) The following shall be grounds for suspension or  
21 expulsion of a child from a public school during a school year:

22 (c.5) (II) For purposes of this paragraph (c.5), "habitually  
23 disruptive student" means a child who has been suspended pursuant to  
24 paragraph (a), (b), (c), or (d) of this subsection (1) three times during the  
25 course of the school year for causing a material and substantial disruption  
26 in the classroom, on school grounds, on A school ~~vehicles~~ VEHICLE, AS  
27 DEFINED IN SECTION 42-1-102 (88.5), C.R.S., or at school activities or

1 events, because of behavior that was initiated, willful, and overt on the  
2 part of the child. Any student who is enrolled in a public school may be  
3 subject to being declared an habitually disruptive student.

4 **SECTION 10.** 22-45-103 (1) (c) (I) (E) and (1) (c) (II), Colorado  
5 Revised Statutes, are amended to read:

6 **22-45-103. Funds.** (1) The following funds are created for each  
7 school district for purposes specified in this article:

8 (c) **Capital reserve fund.** (I) Moneys allocated pursuant to the  
9 provisions of section 22-54-105 (2) shall be transferred from the general  
10 fund and recorded in the capital reserve fund along with the revenues  
11 received pursuant to section 39-5-132, C.R.S. Such revenues may be  
12 supplemented by gifts, donations, and tuition receipts. Unencumbered  
13 moneys in the fund may be transferred to a fund or an account within the  
14 general fund established in accordance with generally accepted  
15 accounting principles solely for the management of risk-related activities  
16 as identified in section 24-10-115, C.R.S., and article 13 of title 29,  
17 C.R.S., by resolution of the board of education when such transfer is  
18 deemed necessary by the board. Except as provided in subparagraph (V)  
19 of this paragraph (c), expenditures from the fund shall be limited to  
20 long-range capital outlay expenditures and shall be made only for the  
21 following purposes:

22 (E) Acquisition of A school ~~buses~~ VEHICLE, AS DEFINED IN  
23 SECTION 42-1-102 (88.5), C.R.S., or other equipment, except equipment  
24 specified in sub-subparagraph (H) of this subparagraph (I);

25 (II) Expenditures from the fund, other than for installment  
26 purchase agreements with an option to purchase, as provided in  
27 subparagraph (II.5) of this paragraph (c), shall be authorized by a



1 resolution adopted by the board of education of a school district at any  
2 regular or special meeting of the board. The resolution shall specifically  
3 set forth the purpose of the expenditure, the estimated total cost of the  
4 project, the location of the structure to be constructed, added to, altered,  
5 or repaired, a description of any school ~~buses~~ VEHICLES or equipment to  
6 be purchased, and where such equipment will be installed.

7 **SECTION 11.** 42-1-102 (88), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended, and the said 42-1-102 is further amended BY THE ADDITION  
9 OF A NEW SUBSECTION, to read:

10 **42-1-102. Definitions.** As used in articles 1 to 4 of this title,  
11 unless the context otherwise requires:

12 (88) "School bus" means ~~every~~ A motor vehicle ~~which is owned~~  
13 ~~by or under contract to a public or governmental agency and operated~~  
14 THAT IS DESIGNED AND USED SPECIFICALLY for the transportation of  
15 SCHOOL children to or from A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE school or ~~any~~  
16 ~~school-sponsored activities, or which is privately owned and operated for~~  
17 ~~compensation but it~~ A SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITY, WHETHER THE  
18 ACTIVITY OCCURS WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF ANY  
19 DISTRICT AND WHETHER OR NOT THE ACTIVITY OCCURS DURING SCHOOL  
20 HOURS. "SCHOOL BUS" does not include informal or intermittent  
21 arrangements, such as sharing of actual gasoline expense or participation  
22 in a car pool, for the transportation of SCHOOL children to or from A  
23 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE school or ~~any school-sponsored activities~~ A  
24 SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITY.

25 (88.5) "SCHOOL VEHICLE" MEANS A MOTOR VEHICLE, INCLUDING  
26 BUT NOT LIMITED TO A SCHOOL BUS, THAT IS OWNED BY OR UNDER  
27 CONTRACT TO A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL AND OPERATED FOR THE

1 TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN TO OR FROM SCHOOL OR A  
2 SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITY. "SCHOOL VEHICLE" DOES NOT INCLUDE  
3 INFORMAL OR INTERMITTENT ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS SHARING OF  
4 ACTUAL GASOLINE EXPENSE OR PARTICIPATION IN A CAR POOL, FOR THE  
5 TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL CHILDREN TO OR FROM A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE  
6 SCHOOL OR A SCHOOL-RELATED ACTIVITY.

7 **SECTION 12.** 42-2-105 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended to read:

9 **42-2-105. Special restrictions on certain drivers.** (1) ~~No~~ A  
10 person under the age of eighteen years shall NOT drive any motor vehicle  
11 used to transport explosives or inflammable material or any motor vehicle  
12 used as a school ~~bus~~ VEHICLE for the transportation of pupils to or from  
13 school. ~~No~~ A person under the age of eighteen years shall NOT drive a  
14 motor vehicle used as a commercial, private, or common carrier of  
15 persons or property unless such person has experience in operating motor  
16 vehicles and has been examined on such person's qualifications in  
17 operating such vehicles. The examination shall include safety regulations  
18 of commodity hauling, and the driver shall be licensed as a driver or a  
19 minor driver who is eighteen years of age or older.

20 **SECTION 13.** 42-4-229 (1), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
21 amended to read:

22 **42-4-229. Safety glazing material in motor vehicles.** (1) No  
23 person shall sell any new motor vehicle, nor shall any new motor vehicle  
24 be registered, unless such vehicle is equipped with safety glazing material  
25 of a type approved by the department for any required front windshield  
26 and wherever glazing material is used in doors and windows of said  
27 motor vehicle. This section shall apply to all passenger-type motor

1 vehicles, including passenger buses and school ~~buses~~ VEHICLES, but, in  
2 respect to camper coaches and trucks, including truck tractors, the  
3 requirements as to safety glazing material shall apply only to all glazing  
4 material used in required front windshields and that used in doors and  
5 windows in the drivers' compartments and such other compartments as  
6 are lawfully occupied by passengers in said vehicles.

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9 **SECTION 14.** 42-4-707 (5) (b), Colorado Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended to read:

11 **42-4-707. Certain vehicles must stop at railroad grade**  
12 **crossings.** (5) For the purposes of this section:

13 (b) "School bus" means ~~only those school buses that are~~ A SCHOOL  
14 BUS THAT IS required to bear on the front and rear of such school bus the  
15 words "SCHOOL BUS" and display visual signal lights pursuant to  
16 section 42-4-1903 (2) (a).

17 **SECTION 15. Repeal.** 42-4-1901 (3) (b), Colorado Revised  
18 Statutes, is repealed as follows:

19 **42-4-1901. School buses - equipped with supplementary brake**  
20 **retarders.** (3) For purposes of this section and section 42-4-1902:

21 (b) "School bus" means ~~any bus used to transport students to and~~  
22 ~~from school or a school-sponsored activity, whether said activity occurs~~  
23 ~~within or without the territorial limits of any district and whether or not~~  
24 ~~occurring during school hours.~~

25 **SECTION 16.** 42-4-1902, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended  
26 to read:

27 **42-4-1902. School vehicle drivers - special training required.**

1 On and after July 1, 1992, the driver of any school bus as defined in  
2 section ~~42-4-1901 (3) (b)~~, VEHICLE AS DEFINED IN SECTION 42-1-102  
3 (88.5), C.R.S., owned or operated by or for any school district in this state  
4 shall have successfully completed training, approved by the department  
5 of education, concerning driving on mountainous terrain, as defined in  
6 section 42-4-1901 (3) (a), and driving in adverse weather conditions.

7 **SECTION 17. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,  
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
9 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.